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1. MISSION SHOULD PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR
PARA 16 OF ALLIED POSITION PAPER.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. TO MAINTAIN THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCES
WITHIN THE COMBINED COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING THAT WOULD
BE ESTABLISHED ON THE GROUND AND AIR FORCES OF EITHER SIDE,
THE ALLIES AGREE THAT THERE WOULD BE A NUMERICALLY
EXPRESSED COLLECTIVE SUB-CEILING ON THE OVERALL GROUND
FORCE MANPOWER OF EITHER SIDE. THERE WOULD BE NO SUCH
EXPLICIT LIMITATION ON THE OVERALL AIR FORCE MANPOWER OF
EITHER SIDE. AFTER ALL REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, EACH
SIDE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO INCREASE ITS OVERALL GROUND
FORCE MANPOWER BY A LIMITED AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE
NUMERICALLY EXPRESSED, PROVIDED THE TOTAL AIR AND GROUND
FORCES FOR EITHER SIDE DID NOT EXCEED THE AGREED LEVEL OF
THE COMBINED COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING. A PROPORTIONATE
LIMITED INCREASE WOULD SIMILARLY BE PERMITTED US AND SOVIET
GROUND FORCES FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS. THE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS
WOULD BE AGREED UPON WITH THE EAST WHEN DETAILS OF AN
AGREEMENT ARE BEING FORMULATED. THE ALLIES CONSIDER THAT
THE PERMITTED INCREASE IN THE OVERALL GROUND FORCE MAN-

POWER OF EITHER SIDE AFTER THE COMMON CEILING IS ATTAINED
SHOULD NOT EXCEED 20,000 MEN AND THAT THIS FIGURE WOULD
PROVIDE ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY FOR NATO FORCES UNDER A
COMBINED COMMON CEILING. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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